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1. Receipt of Information Disclosure Statement filed 31 October 2001 has been acknowledged and placed in the file. The examiner has carefully considered the cited reference and initialed the attached form PTO-1449. No changes are necessary in the last Office Action mailed 10/31/2001. The shortened statutory period for respond to the last Office Action remains unchanged.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to examiner HIEU VO whose telephone number (703) 308-1951. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. If attempts to reach examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, HENRY YUEN, can be reached on (703) 308-1946. The fax phone number for this group is (703) 308-7766.

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